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In re patent application of

Yasuharu Yoshida

Serial No.: 09/348,169

Group Art Unit: 2682

Filing Date: July 7, 1999

Examiner: Ly, Nghi H.

For: AUTOMOBILE COMMUNICATION METHOD AND SYSTEM

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 13 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An automobile communications method for an on-board mobile station in a plurality of radio zones which are consecutively arranged along a road, comprising:

providing each of the radio zones with a plurality of predetermined communication

BT frequencies;

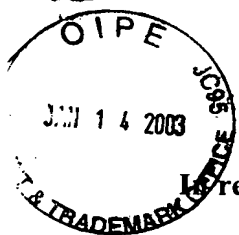
switching a communication frequency used in each of the radio zones using a time division scheme;

controlling a communication frequency used in each of the radio zones using a time division scheme such that different time slots are allocated for communications at a same communication frequency in adjoining radio zones; and

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>	<u>PREV. PAID FOR</u>	<u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE DUE</u>
Total Claims	41 -	36	= 5	x \$18.00	\$ 90.00
Indep. Claims	4 -	3	= 1	x \$84.00	\$ 84.00

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

\$ 174.00

A check in the amount of \$174.00 to cover the excess claim fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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